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U.S. Application Serial No. 10/105,448 is currently pending and resides in Group Art Unit 1772, assigned to Examiner Walter Aughenbaugh. The reference to U.S. Patent No. 5,266,416 is in error – U.S. Patent No. 5,266,413 is intended. Finally, the Examiner will note that certain of the patents relate to active methylene compounds as noted on page 3, lines 21-27.

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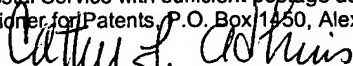
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